

Under the IFP statute, the court conducts an initial screening of proposed complaints. *See* 28 U.S.C. § 1915(e)(2). The court must dismiss a complaint if it determines that the action “(i) is frivolous or malicious; (ii) fails to state a claim on which relief can be granted; or (iii) seeks monetary relief against a defendant who is immune from such relief.” 28 U.S.C. § 1915(e)(2)(B). Here, although Petitioner seeks an injunction—and has submitted almost 200 pages of material—she has not filed a proposed complaint for the court’s review. In the absence of a complaint, a civil action is not initiated. *See* Fed. R. Civ. P. 3 (“A civil action is commenced

by filing a complaint with the court.”). Accordingly, this case is dismissed; however, Petitioner may file a proposed Complaint no later than September 25, 2020.

Any proposed Complaint must include all of Petitioner’s factual allegations in their entirety and must set forth all the claims she has against all defendants and all the relief she seeks. *See* Fed. R. Civ. P. 8(a). Equally important, an amended complaint must comport with the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, including setting forth short and plain statements of each claim as required by Rule 8, and doing so in numbered paragraphs as required by Rule 10. Petitioner’s efforts may be aided by use of the E-Pro Se program, an interactive web application that aids the user in preparing a complaint, available on the court’s website at <https://www.vtd.uscourts.gov/e-pro-se>. For further reference, Petitioner may consult the Court’s Representing Yourself as a *Pro Se* Litigant Guide, available at www.vtd.uscourts.gov/sites/vtd/files/ProSeGuide113015.pdf.

CONCLUSION

Upon conducting the review required under 28 U.S.C. § 1915(a)(1), Petitioner’s application to proceed *in forma pauperis* (Doc. 1) is GRANTED; this case, however, is DISMISSED. Petitioner may file a proposed Complaint no later than September 25, 2020. Upon filing, the case shall be assigned a civil case number, Petitioner’s IFP Application and this order shall be docketed in the civil case, and the court will conduct the required initial screening of the complaint under the IFP statute. *See* 28 U.S.C. § 1915(e)(2).

SO ORDERED.

Dated at Rutland, in the District of Vermont, this 1st day of September, 2020.



Geoffrey W. Crawford, Chief Judge
United States District Court